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POLICY ON HIRING FOREIGN LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy followed on hiring foreign labour and workers by Indian companies for projects in the country;

(b) the steps taken to meet labour demand of skilled manpower in different sectors;

(c) whether the Government proposes to import skilled and trained manpower to work on projects in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): There is no specific policy in force on hiring foreign labour and workers by the Indian companies.

(b): Vocational training is provided to about 7.42 lakh trainees in 107 trades every year through a network of 5114 Industrial Training Institutes/Centres. Government has taken steps to upgrade 400 Government ITIs into Centres of Excellence with the World Bank assistance. 100 ITIs have been taken up for upgradation through domestic funding and the remaining 1396 Government ITIs are being upgraded in a Public Private Partnership mode at a cost of Rs.2.50 crore per ITI being provided by the Central Government as interest free loan. About 2.53 lakh apprentices are trained every year in 154 trades under Apprentices Act, 1961 to meet the demand of skilled manpower in the country.

(c) & (d): No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government.